

SUCCESS

In Every Detail Was Second Annual Picnic

Under Auspices Of The Citizens' Association

Weather Fine, Crowd Large And Program Interesting

Governor Harmon Delivers A Fine Address

Other Entertaining Events Of The Day

It was a grand success! The efforts of the Citizens' Association were crowned with success for the second annual county picnic at Lake Hiawatha park on Wednesday was a splendid event in every way



MR. L. C. PENN
President of The Citizens' Association
Of This City

possible, and much credit should be given the association members for the capable manner in which they entertained the people of the city and county.

It would be impossible to give the exact attendance for the reason that the gates of the park were thrown open and there was no way to keep any accurate count of the number of persons passing through the gates. It is sufficient to say that the crowd was fully up to the expectation of the committee in charge. It is believed by some that the attendance was even greater than last year when it was estimated anywhere from 8,000 to 12,000.

Crowds commenced to arrive in the city on the early morning trains and each car to the park was crowded to its utmost capacity. Many from the country drove to the park.

The Fourth Regiment Band of Columbus arrived in the city at 8:34 o'clock over the C. & C. railroad and after a short concert on the public square went to the park where concerts were given at different intervals during the day. The music rendered by the band was one of the pleasant features of the day and was greatly enjoyed by all. The concert given in the auditorium in the morning was especially fine. The band was one of the best ever heard at Lake Hiawatha park.

The big crowd at the park was most orderly and every one seemed to enjoy the day. The weather was fine,

just the ideal kind for a gathering of this sort.

The street railway company never gave better service in handling a crowd and favorable comments were heard on all sides. All the cars on the line were in operation to the park and there were no delays of any kind. There was not a dull moment at the park the entire day and everything was carried out according to the program except the appearance of the comedy company at the auditorium. The Jewel comedy company failed to put in an appearance and no word was received by the members of the committee.

In addition to the program mapped out by the committee there was dancing, boating, bowling, bathing, and many other attractions to entertain both old and young.

The baseball games were very interesting and drew a large crowd of people. Another most interesting feature was the automobile race between the Ford and the Maxwell cars.

Governor Judson Harmon arrived on the grounds shortly before 2 o'clock, having been taken from the C. & C. station to the park in Judge Levering's automobile. The governor was the center of attraction during his stay on the grounds and was enthusiastically received by the crowd. He spoke in the auditorium shortly after 2 o'clock, but the structure was entirely too small to accommodate the immense crowd of people that gathered to hear him. After his address Governor Harmon witnessed several innings of the Mt. Vernon Elks-Amity baseball game from the automobile and was then brought to the city where he took the 5:15 train for Columbus.

In the evening there was a grand display of fireworks at the park and many remained on the grounds to attend the dance in the pavilion in the evening.

GOV. HARMON'S ADDRESS

In The Afternoon Was Heard By A Large Number Of People

Governor Judson Harmon was received by the largest audience ever assembled in the auditorium at Lake Hiawatha park. The governor was taken to the park in Judge F. O. Levering's automobile by the members of the reception committee accompanied by President L. C. Penn of the Citizens' association. Long before the hour of the address the auditorium was packed to its utmost capacity and many were unable to hear the governor at all.

It was shortly after 2 o'clock when Judge J. B. Wright, in a few well



GOV. JUDSON HARMON
Who Spoke Before A Vast Audience
At The Park

chosen words, presented Governor Harmon as a one-time resident of Knox county.

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The governor's address was somewhat along reminiscent lines and was most interesting. He spoke of the fact that there were five counties in the state of Ohio for which he had a warm spot in his heart: Hamilton, the county in which he was born; Clermont, the home of his grandparents where he spent many a happy day when a boy; Butler, where he married his wife; Licking, where he spent four years at college and Knox where he first taught school and learned many things that helped him in later years in life. The governor spoke of the fact that he was only a boy of 17 years when he first commenced to teach school in Morgan township in Knox county. He said it was through the influence of his old friend, D. P. Campbell, now a trustee of the Ohio State Sanatorium, that he secured his first position as teacher. The governor told an interesting story of how he came to Mt. Vernon to take an examination to secure a certificate to teach school. He said as he walked up the hill to the old court house to

take the examination his heart sank deeper and deeper. He said that at the examination one of the old professors noticed that he was frightened and took occasion to encourage him with words of cheer. Many a time I wished I knew that man's name for it was through him that I learned the lesson of lending a helping hand to the young man." Governor Harmon



JUDGE J. B. WRIGHT
Who Introduced Governor Harmon
At The Picnic

stated that it was while teaching school in Knox county that he was first called Mr. He stated that before that time it was always Jud Harmon. The governor said that it was in Knox county that he first noticed that he was a man among men.

He spoke of the fact that it was the first time he had been especially invited back to Knox county since leaving it many years ago. He highly complimented the Citizens' association for the picnic, stating that it was quite unusual for the merchants of a city to entertain all their friends in the county. He stated that a good feeling should exist among all the people of the county and that a gathering of this sort was the way to bring about such results.

In bringing his address to a close he thanked the people of Knox county for the invitation extended him to be present.

THE AUTO RACE

Was The Most Thrilling Event On The Program

Among the most prominent sporting events during the day was the automobile race. This, contrary to the usual custom, was a grand success in every way, although for some unavoidable reason, the Buick car was not able to enter the race. At about eleven thirty o'clock the Maxwell and Ford cars came on the track and after some little running about, finally were started with a standing start at the judge's stand. The race was for five miles, making ten rounds around the half-mile track. At the very start, the Maxwell car was seen to be in trouble as the engine fired irregularly and the speed was distressingly slow for about two hundred yards. By the time it had gained good headway, the Ford car was about one-quarter mile in the lead. Gradually this lead was cut down until in the eighth lap, the Maxwell was passed, the Ford having gained an entire lap and finished an easy winner. The time of the race was seven minutes and seventeen seconds. This is excellent time for a small car like the Ford especially on a circular half-mile track.

Lake of this city drove the Ford car.

BASEBALL GAMES

Were One Of The Chief Attractions Of The Day

The attraction which appeared to draw the great crowd of the day was the two baseball games, one in the morning between Danville and Fredericktown and one in the afternoon between the Mt. Vernon Elks and Amity. The morning game was exciting at almost every stage, but at times some bad holding and slow work lessened the interest a little bit. Rice, pitching for Danville, performed excellently in the box, his support being lagged at times but he managed to pull through with a victory of 5 to 4. "Buck Moore, the old Belleville twirler was on the slab for the Fredericktown team and worked brilliantly throughout the entire nine innings, the game being lost by no fault of his own. The batteries for Fredericktown were Moore and Relston; for Danville, Rice and Workman.

In the afternoon when the Elks and Amity clashed, the interest was probably a little more universal as the Elks is a local organization, and of course, the majority of the crowd was in their favor. Amity, however, was there with a goodly amount of rooters

and it was not all the Elks' way as far as the rooting was concerned. The battery for Amity was Hart and Bell, and for the Elks, Horn and Barre. The final score was 10 to 3 in favor of the Elks. The feature of the game was a clean-cut home run by Pitcher Horn of the Elks.

THE HORSE RACE

Was Quite Interesting And Good Time Was Made

At about on-thirty o'clock in the afternoon the horse race was begun. The track, although rather loose as a result of the automobile races in the morning, was in fair shape, having been dragged. This race was one of the most interesting events of the day as a number of favorite horses were entered, some very good time being made in each heat. Star Dillard, the horse which won two straight heats and the race, kept a fair lead in both heats, but it was not at all one sided as he was closely pressed and had to strain himself to the utmost in order to hold the first position at the wire. The score and summary of the race is as follows:

Star Dillard 1-1
Bonnie Lee 3-2
Croton Boy 2-4
Molo 4-3
Pixley Girl 5-6
Time, 2:22½; 2:23¾.

THE CROWD

Estimated At 15,000 By The Members Of The Committee

It was estimated by the members of the committee Thursday morning that there were fully 15,000 people on the grounds during the day. The street car company carried over 10,000 passengers according to the fares collected and it is estimated that nearly 5,000 people drove to the park in conveyances. The crowd was fully up to the expectation of the Citizens' Association.

PROGRAM

For The Annual Institute Of K. G. T. A.

To Be Held In This City August 22-26

The following is the complete program for the annual institute of the Knox County Teachers' Association to be held in the high school auditorium August 22-26, the instructors being Supt. James M. Coughlin of Wilkes Barre, Pa., and Prof. F. A. Barbour of Ypsilanti, Mich.

Monday a. m.
The Revival of the Art of Teaching—Mr. Coughlin.

Qualifications necessary for Success in Teaching—Mr. Barbour.

Monday p. m.
Means and Ends in Education—Mr. Coughlin.

The Teaching of English Grammar—Mr. Barbour.

Tuesday a. m.
Primary Reading—Mr. Barbour.

School Discipline—Mr. Coughlin.

Tuesday p. m.
The Problem in Teaching English Composition—Mr. Barbour.

The Pedagogy of Arithmetic—Mr. Coughlin.

Wednesday a. m.
How to Study—Mr. Coughlin.

Advanced Reading—Mr. Barbour.

Wednesday p. m.
Preparation for Advanced Work in Arithmetic—Mr. Coughlin.

Music in Education—Mr. Barbour.

Wednesday Evening
Lecture: Moral Training in the Public Schools—Mr. Coughlin.

Thursday a. m.
The Educative Value of the Study of Language—Mr. Barbour.

Mistakes in Teaching—Mr. Coughlin.

Thursday p. m.
Literature as Recreation for the Tired Teacher—Mr. Barbour.

Concrete Methods in Arithmetic—Mr. Coughlin.

Thursday Evening
Lecture: The Public Schools and the State—Mr. Barbour.

Friday a. m.
Culture of the Memory—Mr. Coughlin.

Literature in Art: (1) Art For Art's Sake. (2) Art for Man's Sake—Mr. Barbour.

Friday p. m.
Culture of the Will—Mr. Coughlin.

Can Literature be Taught?—Mr. Barbour.

The forenoon sessions begin at 9 o'clock and afternoon sessions at 1 o'clock. Evening lecture at 7:30 o'clock. The annual social will be held on Tuesday evening at 7:30 o'clock.

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Mass Meeting Held In High School Auditorium

In The Interest Of The Play Ground Movement

A Permanent Organization Effected At Meeting

A Number Of Interesting Addresses Were Given

With An Illustrated Lecture By Wm. B. Chapman

Although Tuesday evening was marked with threatening weather, the enthusiasm of a number of persons interested in the playgrounds movement in Mt. Vernon, was not dampened. A number of those interested assembled at the high school auditorium for the purpose of organizing the association with the aid of persons experienced in the work and who are interested in the movement throughout the country. The people of Mt. Vernon were very fortunate in securing the assistance of Mr. Chapman of New York City, who is spending several weeks in Mt. Vernon, interested in the experiment being made on some engines by the C. & G. Cooper Co. He is well acquainted with the work of children's playgrounds all over the United States and with the assistance of his pictures thrown on a large canvas on the stage, he was enabled to give a very interesting and beneficial lecture. Mr. Clyde Conley acted as chairman of the meeting and after a short address, introduced Mr. Chapman of New York.

Mr. Chapman, in his remarks, said that there is only one source for the beginning of a child's life in the proper manner and that is to give it the proper education under the proper instructors. The most important part of the child's education is a goodly amount of play and the proper kind of play. He stated that the first playground of a public nature was established in Boston, Mass., in 1886. This consisted of a number of large sand boxes where the children could go to from the streets and play as the small ones had been in the habit of doing in the gutters where sand is abundant. In 1907, the first national playground movement was begun and from that time on, it has grown rapidly until at the present time, Chicago has expended about \$12,000,000 for the establishment of these places and New York City has expended about \$17,000,000.

He stated that it has been the words of a great man that one dollar expended by a municipality for the purpose of establishing a place for the children to play is far greater than any other way in which the dollar could have possibly been used.

A comparison was made by Mr. Chapman, between playgrounds and the everyday school room. He stated that in the school room, the child gets memory and reason and in the playground, he gets character and self control. In playgrounds, natural leaders are produced who will lead men in years to come. He gave for example, the plan adopted by the ancient Athenians in Greece when they had for their schools, outdoor training and play, mixed with only a small amount of book work. The children of Athens were, however, taught to read and write and were given all the fundamental parts of book learning but the greatest amount of time was devoted to the physical welfare of the small child. It is well to say in addition to this that at one time, the ancient Athenians were thought to be even more highly civilized than the average person of today.

At the close of his address, Mr. Chapman had the colored pictures thrown on the canvas, there being about 125 of them in all, showing various scenes taken from playgrounds at almost as many places in the United States. They illustrated hundreds of children playing in the public grounds and also, the various kinds of apparatuses used to build up the bodies of the children.

Superintendent J. S. Alan gave a short address on the differences between work and play. He stated that there was a great mental difference which cannot be appreciated unless a person tries both work and play and compares them in his mind. The work is in most cases, compulsory, while play is only natural. Mr. Alan stated that in his opinion, the child

did not derive the beneficial results from work that it could get from play.

Dr. J. F. Lee spoke for a short time on the medical and educational supervision of the child. He pointed out the many benefits gained by the children who are given the proper kind of play and the proper amount of it. He stated that if these two things are combined, and the child is properly examined in order to ascertain his physical deficiencies, the skilled instructor will give him a kind of play which will build him up and make him strong, where life in a school room or life at hard work will only tend to continue to weaken the already weak parts of his body.

Miss McLean spoke briefly on the matter of instructors. She stated that in order to be successful, the instructor must bring his or her mind and actions down to the level of the child and take part in the games with an apparent relish. Miss McLean stated that the greatest evil of the city lies in the street. Children learn all that they should not learn on the streets. They fight, learn to swear and in a great many cases, are attracted from the street and as a result, grow up to be better and stronger men and women.

Mrs. Frank Harper and Mrs. H. C. Devin were present as representatives of the Mothers' club of the city and in their remarks, heartily endorsed the movement in question and stated that their efforts and the efforts of the entire mothers' club would be put forward to bring about the desired results.

Messrs. Edward Dever and C. N. Lorey, each in turn, expressed their desire to see the project become a success and expressed their willingness to assist it in every way possible.

Mr. B. B. Williams moved that a committee on resolutions and a nominating committee be appointed. The motion prevailed and the committees were appointed. The resolution committee presented a book of resolutions and a constitution to govern the local association. After an examination of this book and its contents, it was accepted. The nominating committee presented a list of names to be considered for election to the various offices of the association. The names were read and each one presented by the committee, was elected by a unanimous vote. The officers elected were as follows:

President—Clyde G. Conley.
First Vice-President—Prof. J. S. Alan.

Second Vice-President—E. H. Jeson.
Secretary—Zeno Taylor.

Treasurer—William A. Ackerman.
Managers—Carl N. Lorey, Hon. L. B. Houck, W. B. Chapman, Mrs. A. F. Stauffer, Mrs. F. I. Johnson, Mrs. P. S. Kelsor, Mrs. Frank Harper, Mrs. H. C. Devin, Miss May McCane, Mrs. L. S. Kinnaird, Miss Ethel Knapp, Hon. Geo. Coyner, Wm. G. Gower, Edward Dever, Chas. Boyle, Chas. M. Fairchild, Robert M. Greer, Patrick Purcell.

Lela A. Styers of Mt. Vernon has been appointed guardian of Mayme Louise Patterson, giving bond in the sum of \$1,500 in a bonding company.

Distributive Account—Charles A. McCommet, executor of Elizabeth Ackley, has filed a distributive account in probate, showing the sum of \$1,813.42 for distribution.

Marriage License—Earl M. Yonkum, farmer, Fredericktown, and Mary E. Fish, Democracy.

Deed Filed—S. G. Downs to Park D. Worley, lot 181, Baining's addition to city, \$3,500.

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